

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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1. An apparatus capable of displaying a logo capable of glowing, comprising:  
a light source capable of emitting light; and  
a translucent portion corresponding to the logo, wherein the translucent portion is  
capable of receiving the light from the light source and is capable of allowing  
the light to propagate therethrough.
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2. An apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein the light source is capable of  
emitting light of at least one color.
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3. An apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein the light source is disposed behind  
the translucent portion.
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4. An apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein the light source comprises at least  
one light-emitting diode.
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5. An apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein the light source is a lamp selected  
from the group consisting of an incandescent lamp, a neon lamp, and a fluorescent lamp.
6. An apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein the translucent portion has a back  
surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted  
by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion.
7. An apparatus, according to claim 6, wherein the light box comprises:

a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source, and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light  
source toward the front opening,  
5 wherein the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion.

8. An apparatus, according to claim 7, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface  
having a matte finish.

10 9. An apparatus, according to claim 1, further comprising a bezel, wherein the  
translucent portion is disposed in the bezel.

15 10. An apparatus, according to claim 9, wherein the translucent portion has a back  
surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted  
by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion.

20 11. An apparatus, according to claim 9, wherein the translucent portion has a back  
surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted  
by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the light box  
comprises:

a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light  
source toward the front opening,  
25 wherein the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion.

12. An apparatus, according to claim 11, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface having a matte finish.

13. An apparatus, according to claim 9, wherein the translucent portion has a back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the light box comprises:

- a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;
- a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and
- a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light source toward the front opening, wherein:
  - the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion;
  - the bezel has a rear surface; and
  - the light box is attached to the rear surface of the bezel.

14. An apparatus, according to claim 13, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface having a matte finish.

15. An apparatus, according to claim 13, wherein the light box is heat staked to the rear surface of the bezel.

16. A logo badge, comprising:

- a translucent portion extending through a thickness of the logo badge, wherein the translucent portion is capable of allowing light to propagate therethrough; and
- an opaque portion generally surrounding at least a portion of the translucent portion.

17. A logo badge, according to claim 16, wherein the translucent portion is capable of allowing light of various wavelengths to propagate therethrough.

18. A logo badge, according to claim 16, wherein the logo badge is capable of being  
5 insert molded into a bezel.

19. A logo badge, according to claim 18, wherein the opaque portion has a color corresponding to a color of the bezel.

10 20. An apparatus for displaying a logo capable of glowing, comprising:  
a light source capable of emitting light;  
a bezel; and  
a logo badge comprising:  
a translucent portion corresponding to the logo, wherein the translucent portion is  
15 capable of receiving the light from the light source and propagating the light  
therethrough; and  
a background portion generally surrounding at least a portion of the translucent  
portion,  
wherein the logo badge is disposed in the bezel.

20 21. An apparatus, according to claim 20, wherein the light source is capable of  
emitting light of at least one color.

25 22. An apparatus, according to claim 20, wherein the light source comprises at least  
one light-emitting diode.

23. An apparatus, according to claim 20, wherein the light source comprises a lamp selected from the group consisting of an incandescent lamp, a neon lamp, and a fluorescent lamp.

5 24. An apparatus, according to claim 20, wherein the translucent portion has a back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion.

10 25. An apparatus, according to claim 24, wherein the light box comprises:  
a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light source toward the front opening,  
wherein the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion.

15 26. An apparatus, according to claim 25, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface having a matte finish.

20 27. An apparatus, according to claim 24, wherein the translucent portion has a back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the light box comprises:

25 a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light source toward the front opening,  
wherein the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion.

28. An apparatus, according to claim 27, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface having a matte finish.

5 29. An apparatus, according to claim 24, wherein the translucent portion has a back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the light box comprises:

10 a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light source toward the front opening, wherein:  
the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion;  
the bezel has a rear surface; and  
15 the light box is attached to the rear surface of the bezel.

30. An apparatus, according to claim 29, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface having a matte finish.

20 31. An apparatus, according to claim 29, wherein the light box is heat staked to the rear surface of the bezel.

32. A computer system, comprising:

a chassis;

25 a light source capable of emitting light; and

a bezel adjacent the chassis, wherein the bezel comprises a logo capable of receiving the light emitted by the light source and the logo is capable of allowing the light to propagate therethrough.

5        33. A computer system, according to claim 32, wherein the light source is capable of emitting light of at least one color.

10        34. A computer system, according to claim 32, wherein the light source comprises at least one light-emitting diode.

15        35. A computer system, according to claim 32, wherein the light source comprises a lamp selected from the group consisting of an incandescent lamp, a neon lamp, and a fluorescent lamp.

20        36. A computer system, according to claim 32, wherein the light source is attached to the chassis.

25        37. A computer system, according to claim 32, wherein the logo comprises a translucent portion.

38. A computer system, according to claim 32, further comprising a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the logo.

39. A computer system, according to claim 38, wherein the translucent portion has a back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the light box comprises:

a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light  
source toward the front opening,  
5 wherein the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion.

40. An apparatus, according to claim 39, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface  
having a matte finish.

10 41. A computer system, according to claim 38, wherein the translucent portion has a  
back surface and the apparatus further comprises a light box capable of reflecting the light  
emitted by the light source toward the back surface of the translucent portion, wherein the  
light box comprises:

15 a rear opening adapted to receive the light source;  
a front opening capable of emitting the light from the light source; and  
a wall extending therebetween capable of reflecting the light emitted from the light  
source toward the front opening, wherein:  
the front opening is adjacent the back surface of the translucent portion;  
the bezel has a rear surface; and  
20 the light box is attached to the rear surface of the bezel.

42. An apparatus, according to claim 41, wherein the wall comprises an inner surface  
having a matte finish.

25 43. A computer system, according to claim 41, wherein the light box is heat staked to  
the rear surface of the bezel.



44. A computer system, according to claim 32, further comprising:

a processing unit;

a power source; and

a switch electrically interconnected with the light source and the processing unit,

wherein power from the power supply is supplied to the processing unit and the light

source when the switch is in a closed position.

45. A method capable of forming a logo badge, comprising:

molding a translucent polymeric material into a translucent portion of the logo badge;

and

molding an opaque polymeric material into an opaque portion of the logo badge.

46. A method, according to claim 45, wherein molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises flowing the opaque polymeric material around the translucent portion.

47. A method, according to claim 45, wherein:

molding the translucent polymeric material further comprises injection molding the translucent polymer; and

molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises injection molding the opaque polymer.

48. A method capable of forming a bezel having a translucent logo, comprising:

molding at least one logo badge comprising the translucent logo;

inserting the logo badge into a mold capable of molding the bezel; and

molding a polymeric material into the bezel.

49. A method, according to claim 48, wherein molding the polymeric material further comprises flowing the polymeric material around the logo badge.

50. A method, according to claim 48, wherein molding the logo badge further  
5 comprises:

molding a translucent polymeric material into a translucent portion of the logo badge;

and

molding an opaque polymeric material into an opaque portion of the logo badge.

51. A method, according to claim 50, wherein molding the opaque polymeric material  
10 further comprises flowing the opaque polymeric material around the translucent portion.

52. A method, according to claim 48, wherein:

molding the translucent polymeric material further comprises injection molding the  
15 translucent polymeric material; and

molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises injection molding the  
opaque polymeric material.

53. A method, according to claim 48, further comprising staking a light box to an  
20 inside surface of the bezel.

54. An apparatus capable of forming a logo badge, comprising:

means for molding a translucent polymeric material into a translucent portion of the  
logo badge; and

25 means for molding an opaque polymeric material into an opaque portion of the logo  
badge.

55. An apparatus, according to claim 54, wherein the means for molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises means for flowing the opaque polymeric material around the translucent portion.

5 56. An apparatus, according to claim 54, wherein:  
the means for molding the translucent polymeric material further comprises means  
for injection molding the translucent polymer; and  
the means for molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises means for  
injection molding the opaque polymer.

10 57. An apparatus capable of forming a bezel having a translucent logo, comprising:  
means for molding at least one logo badge comprising the translucent logo;  
means for inserting the logo badge into a mold capable of molding the bezel; and  
means for molding a polymeric material into the bezel.

15 58. An apparatus, according to claim 57, wherein the means for molding the  
polymeric material further comprises means for flowing the polymeric material around the  
logo badge.

20 59. An apparatus, according to claim 57, wherein the means for molding the logo  
badge further comprises:

means for molding a translucent polymeric material into a translucent portion of the  
logo badge; and  
means for molding an opaque polymeric material into an opaque portion of the logo  
25 badge.

60. An apparatus, according to claim 57, wherein the means for molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises means for flowing the opaque polymeric material around the translucent portion.

5 61. An apparatus, according to claim 57, wherein:

the means for molding the translucent polymeric material further comprises means for injection molding the translucent polymeric material; and  
the means for molding the opaque polymeric material further comprises means for injection molding the opaque polymeric material.

10 62. An apparatus, according to claim 57, further comprising means for staking a light box to an inside surface of the bezel.

15 *sub. A1* 63. A method of displaying a glowing logo in a computer system, comprising:  
propagating a light corresponding to the logo; and  
changing a color of the light according to a state of the computer system.